



WELCOME TO NIENHUIS PARK



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do you pronounce the park's name? It is pronounced Neen – hihs. The Park is named after Dr. Lester Nienhuis a retired Tulsa Orthopedic Physician. Dr. Nienhuis owned the 109 acre parcel of land that the park sits on. He sold 63 acres of the land to the city for \$1 million dollars and donated the remaining 46 acres. The money for the park came from a 2000 Bond Issue.

What is in the park and how was it funded? The 109 acre park houses a Community Center (2000 Bond Issue), completed in 2003, with a dividable meeting room, serving kitchen, a study room, large patio with charcoal grill, game room, 2 gymnasiums and offices; a Aquatic Facility (Vision 2025) with a patron capacity of 400, complete with 4 slides, a baby pool and Aqua Play system; 8 youth football fields (4 lit, 4 unlit) – (2004 Bond Issue), complete with a concession stand and press boxes, a stocked fishing pond, and an almost complete skate park (2004 Bond Issue). Future developments may be funded through the park capital fund, sales tax capital improvement or another bond issue include a disc golf course, playgrounds, tennis courts, shelters, splash pad, 3 miles of walking trails, an additional multi-use building and a fire station (2004 Bond Issue).

When will the skate park be finished? Barring any additional construction or weather related delays, we plan on having the skate park open by Labor Day Weekend – September 1, 2007.

What will the hours of the Skatepark be? Hours of the Skatepark will be dawn to dusk until lighting is funded.

Will helmets and pads be required? Yes, along with additional rules and regulations on signage.

Will BMX bikes be allowed? Yes, days and hours to be determined.

Who will monitor the facility? The facility will be self-monitored by patrons. However, the presence of other park patrons utilizing the swimming pool, community center, football fields and surrounding amenities will be great.

Will bathrooms be available when the pool and Community Center are closed? Yes, there is a single unisex bathroom located on the outside of the Swimming Pool bath house, the bathroom door is monitored by a magnetic lock set for park hours.

What are the hours of the Community Center and Gyms Open to the general public, the Community Center & gymnasiums are open Monday – Friday, from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Please visit the Community Center for exact times of open play for basketball, volleyball and badminton. Anyone using the facility must have a Broken Arrow Parks ID made. One form of picture ID must be furnished when completing forms to receive an ID.

Can the Community Center, Gyms and/or Swimming Pool be rented? Yes! Please visit with Community Center staff with exact costs. Rental of rooms/gyms must be paid for at time of booking.

Tell me about the fishing pond...The fishing pond has been stocked twice with channel catfish, bluegill and crappie. Anyone with a State of Oklahoma fishing license may fish at the pond.

When will the rest of the park be developed? As funds are acquired through future capital funding. This includes Phase 2 of the skate park and the skate park lighting.

When will the fire station be completed? Once construction begins it will be approximately 1 year for the fire station to be completed. At that time Lynn Lane will also have a stop light put up at the intersection for the fire engine traffic and pedestrians crossing the street.

Tell me about the Rose Garden....The Rose Garden was created and dedicated in the memory of Charlene Sturgeon, deceased wife of Broken Arrow resident Roy Sturgeon. Mr. Sturgeon donated the roses, gazebo, benches and labor to plant the roses and build the structure in memory of his wife. The parks department maintains the garden.

If you have additional questions, please contact Recreation Manager, Claudia Dyer at 259-7000 x 7441. The direct number to the Nienhuis Park Community Center is 355-0287 and to the Nienhuis Park Aquatic Facility is 357-3483.

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